



NEWSLETTER

September 2016

• REHABILITATION • CONSERVATION • EDUCATION •

Society for the Preservation of Raptors Incorporated

raptor.org.au

Recycle for Raptors

Coffee pods. A lot of people use them. They're convenient and delicious, delivering a great cup of coffee for very little effort, and the machines themselves are affordable, stylish and easy to operate.

The one drawback of coffee pods is the pods themselves. Once they've been used, most of them go to landfill and they are extremely wasteful.

The Society has now signed up with TerraCycle Australia to recycle coffee pods and redeem the used pods for cash! So now you can recycle your coffee pods for FREE and direct credit from your recycling efforts to help the Society.

Basically, for every 2kg parcel of used Nespresso brand or Nescafe Dolce Gusto coffee pods that you send in, TerraCycle Australia will assign a 2c credit. As those credits build up, they can be redeemed as a donation to the Society. For information on how to sign up for the recycling programme, please contact Nancy (see back page for contact details.)

*"His beak could open a bottle,
and his eyes—when he lifts their soft lids—
go on reading something
just beyond your shoulder
Blake, maybe
or the Book of Revelation."*

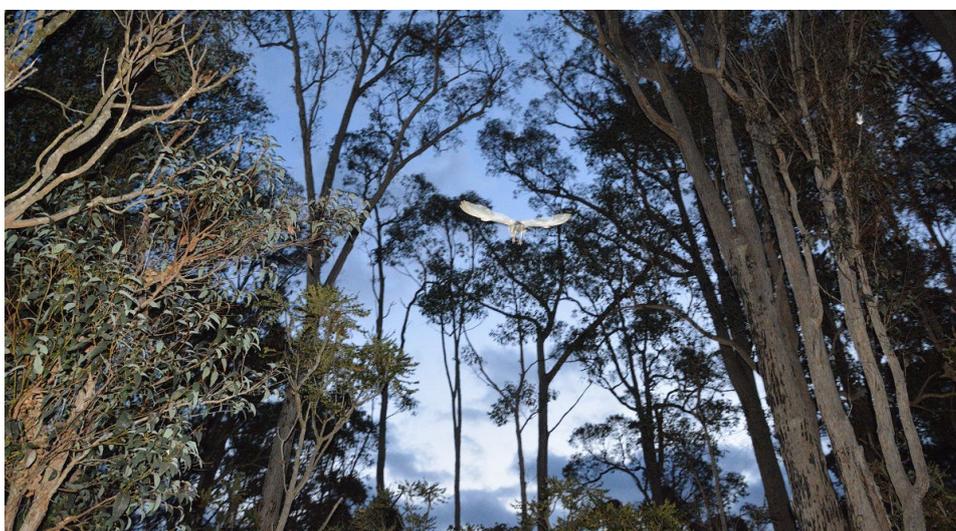
*- Mary Oliver
Little Owl Who Lives in the Orchard*

2016 Perth Royal Show

Our eight-day display at the Perth Royal Show is our biggest event of the year. With approximately ten thousand people passing through the Animal Nursery every day, it's an unparalleled opportunity for education and fund-raising. This event would not be possible without a Herculean effort on the part of many of our hard-working and dedicated members: Secretary Noelene, who corresponds with the Royal Agricultural Society months in advance and spends many hours working out the rosters and the passes for people and birds; Marra and Dion, who set up and bump out—a massive job—every year; Phil, who travels all the way from Margaret River and back twice during the week; and of course all our amazing members who volunteer for duty on the exhibit to care for the birds and interact with the public. It's an exhausting job and your efforts are greatly appreciated.

DPaW Basic Course in Wildlife Rehabilitation

Thank you to our education team for another year's work delivering the Raptor Module for DPaW's Basic Course in Wildlife Rehabilitation. The last course for 2016 is to be held in Albany on 17/18 September.



A Barn Owl is released on the Society's training weekend—photo by Marra Apgar

In This Issue

- Recycle for Raptors
- 2016 Perth Royal Show
- DPaW Basic Course
- AGM Weekend
- Contact us

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting and members' training weekend was held at the secluded Blackwood Valley Raptor Centre in Jalbarragup over three days at the beginning of September. It was full house with all the guest beds occupied and the fridges crammed full of food for both people and birds.

We kicked off on Friday afternoon as attendees arrived and everyone — of four species in total — got settled in. The AGM was held, including elections. Marra kindly brought her notebook computer and set it up so that member Deb could teleconference in from Townsville. The ~~usual suspects~~ previous year's office bearers were returned, since they are clearly ~~gluttons for punishment~~ very dedicated. Our hard-working Secretary Noelene has been under the pump, so Alicia Speranza has volunteered to assist where needed with the duties of Secretary. Thank you to everyone who stepped up to keep the Society running. Of course like any wildlife group, our strength lies with all our members and volunteers, both those who work at the coal face and those who support the hands-on rehabilitators. Just by being a member, you are supporting raptor rehabilitation and conservation.

The AGM was followed by the annual members' dinner, which was a relaxed and convivial affair as usual. The menu for the weekend was rustic comfort food eaten around the long recycled pine table with the fire going.

Saturday dawned clear and cold and Marra volunteered to cook eggs for those who wanted them, demonstrating her skills as a talented breakfast cook. Later that morning, members piled into a couple of vehicles and made the short run to the nearby Jamarri Black Cockatoo sanctuary where our host Dee Patterson met us and showed us how our magnificent and endangered Black Cockatoo species are rehabilitated. We all got a serious case of aviary envy at Dee's massive flight enclosure. We met some of her permanent residents up close and personal and enjoyed morning tea. After saying farewell to Dee and the Cockatoos we returned to base and had a session on imping, with notes kindly provided by Nick Stanton who couldn't make the weekend but was kind enough to provide information on a simple and effective method for replacing damaged wing and tail primaries. After lunch, we looked at infection control and sterilization techniques, followed by nest boxes on a budget and repurposing donated surgical equipment for raptor care. The freebie box was dragged out with equipment and consumables being distributed to those who needed them. (Thank you to Nannup District Hospital and GEOvet Nannup for the donation.) We finished Saturday with the soft release of some rehabilitated Barn Owls followed by dinner.

We wrapped up on Sunday with a visit to Eagles Heritage, where Phil and Kathy made everyone welcome, as ever. Thank you to everyone who attended. Special thanks to Noelene, Marra, Alicia and Shannon who made delicious contributions to the food that everyone enjoyed over the weekend—we'll be wanting recipes for those cookies and the lemon tart!

Our next meeting will be our Christmas get-together which will be hosted by member Yvonne at the WA Bird of Prey Centre in Bennett Springs (next to Whiteman Park.) Date and time to be advised.

Find Society members on facebook -

Page names: facebook.com/

raptor.org.au

eaglesheritage

wabirdsofprey

raptorpresentations

JustRaptors

BirdOfPreyRescueRehabilitationAndRelease

echothebarnowl

Contact Us

Coordinator:

Phil Pain 08 9757 2960

Secretary:

Noelene Jenkins 08 9453 6567

Treasurer / Editor / Web / Merchandise:

Nancy Tang 08 9756 0669

Rehabilitators

Perth:

Marra 08 6369 0705

Yvonne 0438 388 383

South West:

Phil 08 9757 2960

Nancy 08 9756 0669 / 0410 439 561

Mid West:

Janelle 08 9938 1447

Pilbara:

Rose 0438 924 842

Townsville:

Deb 0407 378 997

